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Why is ODOT removing existing ramps to and from I-

The number of ramps and their existing configuration are factors that contribute to the elevated collision rate at the interchange. Vehicles do not have sufficient distance to accelerate and decelerate to enter and exit the highway. Merging distances are too short. In addition, multiple entry and exit points to the

interstate affects traffic mobility and causes congestion. The removal of ramps on I-44 is necessary to provide a facility that meets current design standards and to improve safety.

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How will I get where I need to go?

The new ramp configurations will mean some traffic will need to take a different path than they do today. With a fully directional interchange like what is proposed for I-44 and US-75, access within the interchange itself is not desirable due to safety concerns. More traffic will need to use local roads such as Union Avenue, the newly-extended W. 51st Street, and the new US-75 frontage road for access.

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What is the process if ODOT needs some of my property? What if ODOT needs to buy my house or business?

ODOT will obtain an independent appraisal and present a fair market value offer for your property.

Owners of affected homes or business will be provided with additional relocation assistance. More information can be found on the "What if my Property is Affected?" page of this website.

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What if ODOT needs temporary access for construction or a maintenance easement?

Sometimes ODOT will need temporary access or an easement to construct a driveway or maintain the highway and drainage structures. Owners will be compensated for temporary right-of-way and for maintenance easements. In these cases, you will maintain ownership of the property. If your property will be affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you.

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When will ODOT start buying property?

While the schedule for right-of-way acquisition is still being finalized, it is anticipated that ODOT right-of-way agents will begin contacting affected landowners in 2022.

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When is construction scheduled to begin?

Construction of Work Packages 2 and 5 is currently programmed for 2025. Work Package 3 is programmed for 2028. Work Package 4 is not currently programmed for construction. However, this schedule is dependent on funding, weather, and other factors and is subject to change.

How will construction of the project affect traffic?

The decision on closing lanes or ramps is made by ODOT in coordination with the construction contractor. Because construction of Work Packages 2-5 is still several years in the future, the contractor has not been selected. The contractor will propose a work plan to ODOT for their approval. Additional public meetings will be held closer to construction of each Work Package to discuss how each project will be constructed and what temporary closures and detours can be expected.

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Will there be access to my home and property during construction?

Yes, access to homes, businesses, and property adjacent to the project will be maintained during all phases of construction.

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When will construction on Work Package 1 be completed?

Construction is anticipated to be complete in early 2023. To receive the latest construction information, you may also subscribe to ODOT's daily Tulsa Traffic Advisory email. This email provides daily updates on ODOT construction projects in and around the Tulsa area and how they are affecting traffic. To subscribe go to www.odot.org and at the bottom of the page, enter your email to receive the newsletter.

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How can I get more information?

The best way to have your question answered is to submit a comment on the Submit a Comment page or email to environment@odot.org. If you would like to speak to a project representative, please call (405) 325-3269 and leave a detailed message.

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